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Student artist Kelly Van Raay answers questions at her booth at the I Made It student show and sale on April 21. Her bright, colourful creations were designed with 3D software and cut with a laser cutter at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. LED lights give the fluorescent acrylic its glow. /JENN WATT Staff

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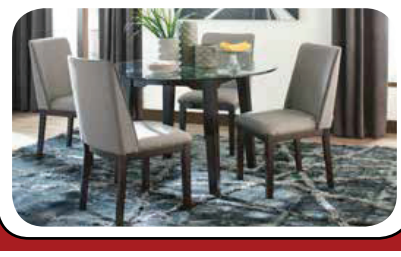

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Hike for Hospice returning to Haliburton

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To kick off National Hospice Palliative Care Week in Canada, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is bringing back the popular community fundraiser, Hike for Hospice. Held in solidarity with the broader campaign co-ordinated by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association – a national association which provides leadership in hospice palliative and end-of-life care in Canada – the event takes place each year on the first Sunday in May. By bringing together organizations working together in hospice palliative care from across the country, Hike for Hospice helps raise much needed funds for each of the participating agencies. HHHS executive director Lisa Tompkins acknowledged that this would be the first Hike for Hospice in the Haliburton area since SIRCH organized the last event in 2014.

"Hospice, palliative and bereavement support are now all programs of the HHHS Community Support Services," said Tompkins.

"This year's event will have a similar format to previous hikes, with both a short one-kilometre hike around the high school track; and a four- to five-kilometre hike from the school along the lakefront and around Head Lake Park."

According to Tompkins, funds raised through the local campaign will stay in the community, to provide specific support for future educational and equipment needs for the hospice and palliative programs. She said the annual event is more than just a fundraising initiative for the organization; it is also an excellent opportunity for them to raise awareness about the importance of the type of care they provide. Throughout the day, there will be information displays set up to educate participants about the services offered by HHHS.

"The Hike for Hospice event provides ongoing awareness for hospice/palliative work, both in-hospital and in the community," she explained.

"It reinforces Haliburton Highlands Health Services' ongoing commitment to the hospice and palliative programs, as well as bereavement support programs. The event itself provides a medium for family, friends, and staff/volunteers to celebrate the lives of palliative patients."

Hike for Hospice is a family and pet-friendly event that will take place rain or shine. Registration begins at noon on Sunday, May 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and hikers will start hiking at 1 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. there will be presentations followed by a Memory Walk. There will be live entertainment, refreshments and prizes awarded for the most funds raised by an individual and as a team. For more information regarding HHHS's Hike for Hospice fundraiser, to donate, or to register as a participant/team, visit www.hhhs.ca/foundation; or call 705-457-1580.

County Life reporter wins first for business story

Haliburton County Life took home a Better Newspaper Competition award from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association on April 20.

Robert Mackenzie's article, "Resorts were the backdrop of Haliburton's recent history," which detailed the history of the resort industry in the Highlands, earned first place from a field of 67 entries from papers across the province.

County Life's sister papers the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo* also took home several honours during the evening, including general excellence for both.

Reporter Darren Lum's photo of flooding in Minden placed first for Spot News Photograph, Chad Ingram's feature "Growing up gay in Haliburton County," which was published in the *Minden Times* placed first for feature writing for newspapers with a circulation of 9,999 and less.

The *Haliburton Echo*'s sports section placed third overall.

Humour Columnist of the Year went to Steve Galea for his work in the *Haliburton Echo*. Galea also has a column in *County Life*.

Jim Poling Sr., whose work appears in the *Minden Times*, placed third for Columnist of the Year.

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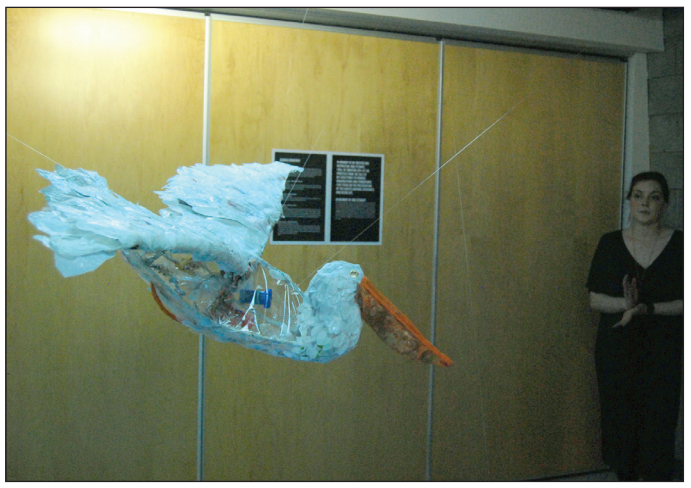
Students showcase creations

VCAD student Taylor Craig presented an interactive display to the audience at I Made It. Listed as an interdisciplinary artist, Craig's artist statement said he is "drawn to textured and marked surfaces" with an interest in how humans apply value to surfaces – and the imperfections on them.

Haliburton School of Art + Design was bustling on Saturday, April 21 as art lovers descended on the Haliburton campus to see what the students made over the last semester as part of the I Made It exhibition. Everything from conceptual installations to practical metalwork was on display. /JENN WATT Staff



The windows into this pelican's stomach show a mess of garbage. The work is part of Jessica Dockeray's installation work on plastics in the world's oceans.

Local branch marking Therapeutic Touch Awareness Week

The Haliburton Highlands branch of the Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario is marking Therapeutic Touch Awareness Week with three "CARE150"events.

"Therapeutic Touch is an accepted non-invasive energy healing technique which promotes well-being and reduces anxiety, stress and manages pain," a press release from the Haliburton branch reads.

The first event will be at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesday, May 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the wellness fair.

The second will be a drop-in event at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Saturday, May 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Last year's inaugural CARE150 was a huge success in spreading the word about the benefits of Therapeutic Touch," the press release states. "A total of 25 participants attended events in Wilberforce, at the Early Years Centre and at the Dysart [branch of the] public library. The library set up a pre-event book display. Participants had a variety of experiences ranging from the opportunity to receive a complimentary 'mini-session,' talk to one of the five practitioners, watch a PowerPoint presentation, check out our amazing display board and help themselves to various educational handouts."

The local branch of the Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario was established in 1987 by Marilyn Annie Mighton and has 15 members.

"Practising Therapeutic Touch since 1995 and teaching it has opened doors of understanding that have supported my life journey. It has taught me the value of engaging presence with one another, thereby developing a deeper connection of communication. This is something that enhances and supports life in all its ups and downs," said Susan Keith, Haliburton Highlands branch recognized teacher.

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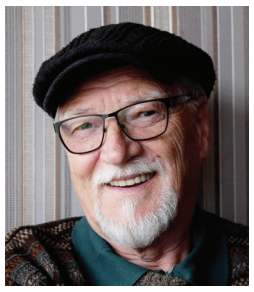

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On Arts

HAVING JUST returned with Michelle from a trip to Mexico, my mind is still coping with Mayan/Mexican images while re-adjusting to the familiarity of the Highlands; and I can't help but overlaying and juxtaposing the two diverse cultures in order to seek some sort of homogeneous cultural state of mind within which I can relax and reflect.

The Mayan ruins in Tulum and Chichen Itza got me thinking about how Mayans revealed what their life was about, and I couldn't help but compare it to how we go about doing the same here in Haliburton County. Of course it's not fair to compare a civilization with a small community like ours, but the creative side of my brain rejects that sort of logic, so I proceed regardless.

Although the Mayans are best known for their architectural pyramids and temples, they were also known as great carvers of stone. What we were told by our tour guides was that the carvings (*stelae*) on the Mexican ruins mainly depict the life of the upper echelons of Mayan society, and reflect their views on everything from war and spirituality to medicines and ball games. The edict given to the rock carvers was to portray a visual, allegorical narrative.

How very different from what we see from the majority of artists in our county. Most of our artists paint landscapes, where a narrative is virtually absent. Occasionally human existence is inferred by the inclusion of a brick wall, fence post, gate or barn. But if someone from the future tried to discover what our lives consisted of by looking at much of our local art, he would learn nothing more than the fact that we love the scenery. Much more can be learned about Mayans by observing their ruins.

While we toured around the Mayan Riviera I kept an eye out for how today's Mexicans are visually depicting what is happening in their part of the world. Sadly there is way too much in the way of cheap Mayan reproductions, aimed at the tourist market. But there were some modern murals to be seen throughout our travels, some of them quite humorous. Those murals reminded me that in the Highlands we also have murals, one of which is also humorous. Contemplating this fact led me to realize that storytelling in art could be found here, not so much in the art that we hang on our walls, but in some of our own murals found on the outside of buildings.

The mural on the arena in Haliburton shows that we love the game of hockey, and that we are home to some well known NHL players. There is a mural up high on a building in Minden which depicts a dogsled race. Murals on the Minden post office illustrate characters from Minden's past, and John Lennard's mural on the wall of Organic Times, the health food store, shows our logging heritage; while the mural in Wilberforce shows the importance of trains in opening up the Highlands.

But if anyone wants to see what happens year-round in this part of the world today, the most explicit mural is the humorous one which occupies two exterior walls of the Boskung Social building, formerly the Beer Store, on Water Street in Minden. Robert Van Nood's depiction of seasonal activities in the Haliburton Highlands, to me, is an invaluable piece of work, done in the manner of a cartoon. Cartoons are a recognized art form, and very much like the Mayan stelae, tell a story.

Van Nood is an artist, illustrator, humorist and designer. His mural has been up now for a number of years and it's familiar to most people who live in, or visit the Highlands. It's an incredibly detailed account of outdoor seasonal activities and shows that we are a people who love to ski, sled, fish, hunt, swim, and laze about the cottage. The colours, unlike the long-faded tints once adorned the Mayan stelae, are still as bright as the day they were laid on, and the humorous way the cartoon characters are depicted, going about their activities, still makes me smile.

I would suggest that Van Nood's mural is the most compelling artistic visual in Minden, and maybe the whole county; and sitting at the Boshkung outdoor patio in the summer, with the mural as a backdrop, sipping a brew, while overlooking the Gull River, is as good as it gets locally.

We arrived back in the Highlands just after the ice storm, and had to dig our way into the house. The contrast in weather and cultures was, and is, mind-boggling, but I'm slowly working my way back into the local reality. I'm eagerly awaiting the arrival of sculptures on the streets in Haliburton, but also bizarrely envisioning an ancient Mayan, in full ceremonial dress, trying to decipher, but totally enjoying, Van Nood's mural.

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Listen – Nature is Speaking

LAURIE CARMOUNT & HEATHER ROSS
Special to *County Life*

Around the world Nature is speaking more and more loudly, spelling out a tragedy of troubles for all life.

The narrative of this century is of catastrophic storms and extreme weather, disappearing drinking water and food inequalities. Our future is being foretold by endangered species from amphibians to whales, from bats to eagles.

If there is anything in this life we should be thinking about, it is how we have to change our ways. We are submerged in a quagmire of corporate greed, political rhetoric and mass consumption culture. Our way of life depletes the air of good while pumping it full of bad as the world's temperature escalates. The complex atmosphere we have, which saves us from harm as we travel through space, is holding us accountable.

Climate change is real, so says the world's scientists and there is growing consensus that this change is caused by us. The evidence of climate change can be seen in the Arctic, on the seaside and right here in the Haliburton Highlands. The consequences of a rise in average temperature by three or four degrees are staggering and frightening. Unhappily we are on our way to missing the Paris Accord target of warming by no more than two degrees, with 1.5 degrees being the preferred target.

And to add to all of this is the good possibility of us all being buried in garbage.

Nature's Place, located in the town of Minden, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, is tackling many of these issues in its community programming. This year, to educate about the climate change issue, Nature's Place has partnered with Environment Haliburton! (E.H!).

With a graphic Climate Change Wall, E.H! has illustrated an overview of the science behind climate change and the consequences here in Haliburton of a warming world. The Hot Issue Wall offers information about "hot topics," such as pricing carbon. During the summer, a quiz, videos and interactive activities will be offered. With all of this the hope is to continue a discussion on what is happening and what we can do about it. The corner will be introduced to the community on the May long-weekend.

Also being introduced this year at Nature's Place is a pro-active look banning plastic. 2018 is the year of End Plastic Pollution and the Earth Day organization is heading this world's largest environment movement: https://www.earthday.org/. Working with this proposed outline, Nature's Place has on display information about the problems with plastic and solutions.

How hard would it really be to change what keeps us in this unfortunate pattern? The combustible engine was invented in 1860 and plastic in 1907 – that is approximately 150 years, a shockingly short time in all of human history to bring us to a point of life-threatening circumstances.

It is possible to turn our ways towards smarter thinking, as all we are up against is just ourselves.

There are many people who are living plastic free and who produce very little garbage. YouTube has an extensive list of short videos where people describe how they changed their lives and explanations as to what plastic is doing.

Most plastics are derived from propylene, a simple chemical component of petroleum. When heated up in the presence of a catalyst, individual chemical unit monomers of propylene link together by forming extremely strong carbon-carbon bonds with each other. This results in polymers long chains of monomers called polypropylene.

"Nature doesn't make things like that," says Kenneth Peters, an organic geochemist at Stanford University, "so organisms have never seen that before," and therefore cannot break it down.

A concerning part of plastics is their connection to health problems. Chemicals leach from plastics used in food/beverage storage and from that buried in our landfills. Correlations have been shown between levels of some of these chemicals, and an increased risk of chromosomal and reproductive system abnormalities, impaired brain and neurological functions, cancer, cardiovascular system damage, adult-onset diabetes, early puberty and obesity.

Know that Minden landfill sites are no longer recycling plastic bags. So every bag you use has to go into the landfill. Recycling is not all one may think. It is limited and with China saying no to our garbage, we are going to have to deal with it here.

Answer: ban plastic – especially plastic bags. We can live without them. France and England are implementing banning of a number of plastics. Cities in the U.S.A. have already done so. Besides bags, the other throw-away one-time use plastics to be banned are straws and toothpaste containers, among many others. How to ban? First, use your voting power. Second, use your own cloth bag when shopping and glass containers instead of baggies. Wax paper or tin foil instead of plastic wrap. There are many options and solutions!

Whereas wood rots and metal rusts – plastic remains plastic. Think back 150 years ago, before plastic and fossil fuel production, people used wood, metals, glass, clay and fibres. Baskets cannot be manufactured, every basket is handmade. Like many of the items used in the past, they were skillfully made and they lasted for many years, for example: barrels and crates. In 1858, a Vineland tinsmith named John Landis Mason invented the mason jar, an ingenious way to store and preserve food that is used even today.

Many are speaking of reworking our society in what and how it produces, to circumvent plastics. It will remove the current long-term storage solutions and easy shipping, but that will allow for building a stronger local, renewable economy.

It will help us consider what we truly need versus what we want, requiring some sacrifice.

By visiting Nature's Place you can learn about how we can work together to make our earth a better place for all, now and for the future generations. Become a part of the No Plastic Challenge, do the Recycling Test, and comment on our Ingenious Board where we can collectively learn about how we can change our way of living.

Nature's Place is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road www.mindenhills.ca/natures-place.

Top 10 things your cat routinely thinks

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

I KNOW MOST cats seem like an empty vessel but the truth is they are deep thinkers with nothing but time on their hands. We happen to have two and, over the years, I have learned a bit of their language and customs. Moreover, I have learned to recognize what they are thinking.

Here are 10 of the most common cat thoughts.

1. Oh God, she's going to post this on Facebook.
2. If I don't kill this ball of yarn right now, it will eventually turn into a dog sweater.
3. Remember the neutering? Well, watch this.
4. Must chase the red dot….
5. Why claw that scratching post when an expensive couch is right here?
6. These nether regions aren't going to lick themselves!
7. They're mad at me. Quick, find a ridiculously small box to sleep in.
8. Now that I kept them up all night, I can finally sleep.
9. Oh no! Toddlers!
10. I will not sleep until I have chewed upon every head set cord in the universe.

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Dog guide walk fetches funding for those in need

Why has the dog guides fundraiser become an annual event for the Haliburton and District Lions Club? Why is it important for our community?

Lions Foundation Canada has six dog guides programs in place to assist Canadians with disabilities. A dog guide provides opportunities to find greater independence, mobility and safety. Most of us can identify in some way with one these programs. Perhaps we know someone who has benefited from a dog guide. However, even if this is not the case, we can certainly appreciate the importance of dog guides. Lions Foundation of Canada's mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them dog guides at no cost! Accordingly, we realize that we need to support the fundraising that makes this possible.

The six dog guide programs are:

1. Canine Vision for people who are blind or visually impaired.
2. Hearing for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
3. Autism Assistance for children who have autism spectrum disorder.
4. Service for people who have a physical disability.
5. Seizure Response for people who have epilepsy.
6. Diabetic Alert for people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness.

So, the Haliburton and District Lions Club has put together what we know will be a true small town fun fundraiser on Saturday, May 19.

First up, beginning at 8 a.m. and going until 1 p.m., are the trunk sale, bake sale, coffee and treats and the bottle and can drive. Think of a trunk sale as a garage sale on wheels where everyone in our community is invited to book a spot and set up on the parking lot of the Haliburton United Church. The cost to book your spot is $10 which, of course, is going to the dog guides program. So, do your spring clean out and bring all your great stuff to sell. You can call Lion Lynda Porter at 705-457-2729 to book your spot or you can just come to shop at the trunk sale. Please bring your bottles and cans to donate; buy a coffee or tea and treat or baked goods to take home; and, you will be sure to enjoy the toe-tapping singalong live entertainment by our own Lion Gord Kidd.

Next up is the Walk for Dog Guides. You do not have to have a dog to participate. You can join us for the walk and/or pledge your support for a walker. Registration is at 11:30 at the Haliburton United Church parking lot and the walk, led by our own Lion Kathryn Kidd, will be a short walk, starting at noon, to PetValu and back. PetValu is a national sponsor of the Lions Walk for Dog Guides and pledge forms are available in their Haliburton store or from Kathryn at 705-754-0939.

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Helping the hidden homeless population

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County council are teaming up to take part in the 20,000 Homes Campaign.

Nationally, this campaign focuses on ending chronic homelessness in 20 communities; and housing 20,000 homeless people in Canada by July 1, 2020.

In an attempt to house 24 of the most vulnerable homeless people living in Haliburton County by July 1 of this year, 40 volunteers are needed to assist with the campaign's Registry Week. Communications, advertising and marketing officer for the City of Kawartha Lakes Maria Evans said the goal for this Registry Week initiative is to make a concerted effort to identify individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in the community.

In 2016, Evans said they identified 25 individuals experiencing homelessness within Haliburton County during their first Registry Week.

Since then, community partners, have been working to support a co-ordinated response to end homelessness.

As a result of the information collected through this process, she said they have developed significant initiatives designed to help them reach their goal of ending homelessness.

These include a co-ordinated entry system to assess and match those facing homelessness to housing resources and supports, as well at the homelessness co-ordinated response team; and a bi-weekly case conferencing mechanism where agencies collaborate around innovative ways to support individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in the region.

Through Registry Week, Evans said they will be able to not only know an individual's name, but also their level of need so that they can look at providing the right supports and services to support that individual.

"This not only provides some accountability to the homelessness response system as we will know people by name, but also allow us to prioritize individuals and supports to ensure those who are the most vulnerable within the community are being helped," she said.

"Additionally, by completing the homelessness enumeration throughout CKLH [City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County] a picture of the current state of homelessness within CKLH is generated. We will be able to know how many individuals are experiencing homelessness within Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. This information can be incredibly beneficial as it allows us to restructure resources to match the level of need of the community, and also support funding applications for additional resources."

Noting that homelessness can be defined as being completely unsheltered, living in emergency shelter, or provisionally accommodated without permanent tenancy, Evans pointed out that rural homelessness looks very different from urban homelessness.

In an urban environment, evidence shows that individuals tend to have better access to shelters, service agencies and supports.

Typically, there are also more rental units so individuals have a higher chance of finding housing.

Primarily, she said rural homelessness is often considered to be hidden. Therefore, this often makes it more difficult to identify individuals who are experiencing homelessness in rural areas, since there are often no shelters and few resources that can be accessed.

"As a result, when there is nowhere to identify yourself as homeless, it is impossible for the system to know that you are experiencing homelessness," said Evans.

"Furthermore, there is often a higher possibility of individuals who will be sleeping outside; sleeping rough or in the bush, or alternatively couch surfing at a family member or friend's place. In a situation where there aren't very many community supports people often rely on themselves, returned to friends or family to support them."

Evans said that research suggests less than one per cent of the Canadian population will ever experience homelessness.

She said they also know that most people living in poverty will never experience homelessness. While homelessness and poverty are connected, working to improve quality of life and income stability across socio-economic demographics remains a high priority in the region.

"Individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness are the most vulnerable and socially excluded members of the community," explained Evans.

"Ending homelessness for the small percentage of the population that is affected not only improves the quality of life, but also reduces the impact on health, social services and justice system."

To learn more about the 20,000 Homes Campaign, visit www.kawarthalakes.ca and "like" Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Help Centre on Facebook.

There are many opportunities for individuals to get involved during Registry Week, Evans said.

For instance, they are looking for volunteers to support a variety of tasks including help with data entry, potential events, administer surveys, etc. Individuals interested in volunteering can contact Jocelyn Blazey at jblazey@kawarthlakes.on.ca.

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Honouring volunteers

Volunteers with the Minden Health Care Auxiliary chat during a volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Minden HHHS facility on April 18. It was National Volunteer Week. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

From left, Councillor Walt McKechnie, Steve Roberts and Kim Emmerson enjoy lunch together at the Dysart et al Volunteer Appreciation event at the curling club on Sunday, April 22. /JENN WATT Staff

Councillor Lisa Schell and Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch chat at the volunteer appreciation luncheon on April 21.

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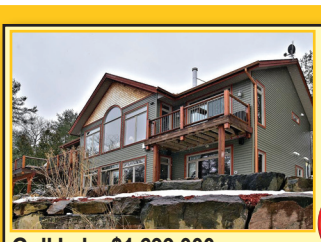

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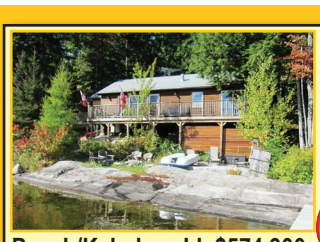

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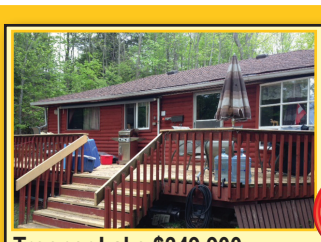

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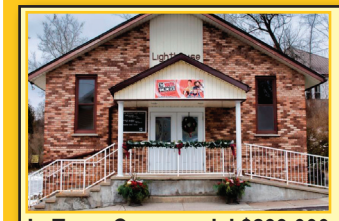
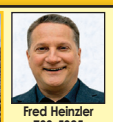


Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

In Town Commercial $299,000

- 3000 Sq. Ft. building in the village of Haliburton
- Fully finished and currently used as a church
- Ideal for a studio, a retail space or offices!



Fred Heinzler
788-5825

Kushog Lake $749,000

- Year round home/cottage, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath
- Level lot, clean shoreline, premium lake system
- Fully finished WO basement, triple car garage

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

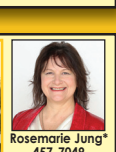
Great Opportunity To Invest $865,000

- Prime location, I2060 Sq Fr Retail Space
- 1712 Sq Ft house split into 2 rental units
- 5 storage buildings with 60 rental units!

Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Rare! Lakefront Acreage $629,900

- Awesome 2-Lake chain (Long & Miskwabi)
- 650' frontage and 50+ acres
- Traditional 3 season cottage with hydro



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Beautiful & Private $449,000

- Nicely finished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home
- Lovely studio & heated shop on 4 acres
- Screened porch & large deck, great location

David Lee*
286–2138 x 27

Main Street Minden $199,000

- Short Walk to Shopping/Services
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Bath
- Garage and Enclosed Porch

Brandon Nimigon*
457–2128 x 27

SOLD

Bushwolf Lake Rd $47,000

- Great 1.6 acre lot in an area of nice homes
Many building sites available, Yr round road
- Minutes to beach, ski hill & local amenities

Karen Nimigon**
457–2128 x 29

SOLD

Haliburton Starter Home $179,900

- Turnkey home, country kitchen & 2 bdrms
- Corner lot, walking distance to Haliburton
- Extensive recent upgrades, call for details!

Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

SOLD

Custom home on 8.65 Acres $519,000

- Extensively renovated with premium finishes
- Centrally located between Haliburton & Minden

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

NEW LISTING

Log Home $249,900

- 3 bedroom beautiful log home on 5 acres
- Contau Lake is just 1 KM away

Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

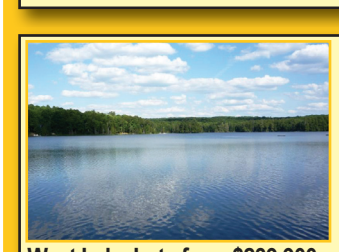
Pine Lake Retreat $829,000

- 5 bedrooms / 3 baths
- Over 2 acres facing NW
- Many upgrades and features

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Pine Lake $895,000

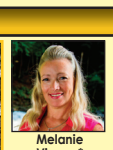
- Home or cottage on 4 acres
- Open concept main floor
- WO basement & sand beach WF



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52

West Lake Lots from $239,900

- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location



Melanie Vigrass*
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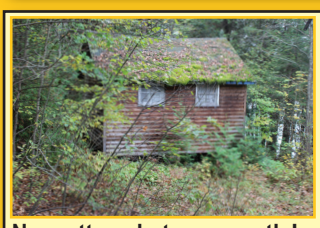
SOLD

Norland Cabin $124,000

- Charming Log Cabin
- Updated Kitchen & Bath
- 1 Acre Lot – Great Weekend Retreat



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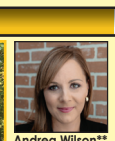
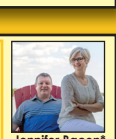


Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

NEW LISTING

Paradise Lake $324,000

- Immaculate year-round get-a-way or home + bunkie
- Nestled at the water's edge, renovated & upgraded
- South-facing, sandy shoreline, expansive lake views



Jennifer Bacon*
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Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x23

Shadow Lake $639,000

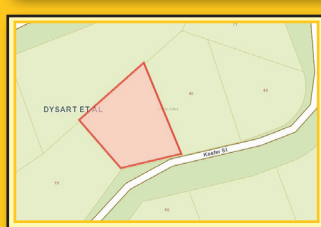
- 4 Season Viceroy with wrap around deck
- 158 Ft of water frontage, sand beach
- 1800 Sq Ft, 5 bedrooms, perfect for entertaining

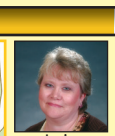
Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

NEW LISTING

Miskwabi Lake Access $219,000

- Charming 3 bdrm cottage on 100x350 lot
- 3 minutes to municipal shared sand beach
- Large 2 sled newer shed backs onto trails





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Haliburton Village $34,900

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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

CFUW Haliburton Highlands: Card & Games Party
Proceeds to support Haliburton Highlands Student Bursaries/Community Services
When: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Where: Red Umbrella Inn 1075 Red Umbrella Road, Carnarvon
Time: 11:30 – Social & Luncheon 1:00 – Games Begin
Tickets - $25.00 each
For tickets and information, please contact: Mary (maryejohnson42@gmail.com or 705-754-1884) Susan (suevorvis@gmail.com or 705-754-2395)

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival's Highlights Concert
When: May 3 at 7 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Come and here the best performers from the music festival classes. Tickets are $7.50 each and can be reserved by calling Kit Pizzey at 705-457-1363

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Annual General Meeting
When: Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m.
Where: Clubhouse and Shop, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.
Volunteers are needed, everyone welcome. For further info call 705-457-4263 or info@hcsa.ca

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018
Wild Leeks, Edibles and Spring Wildflowers
When: Saturday May 5, 10:00am to 12 noon
Where: Abbey Gardens
Explore the woods at Abbey Gardens and forage for wild edibles with food forester and wild epicurean Carolyn Langdon.
Please register before attending to help with food preparation quantities. Register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab or call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment. Cost $5 per person includes soup.

Highlands Wind Symphony, 2018 Spring Concert
When: Sunday May 6 at 3:00 pm
Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton
Featuring: Highlands Wind Symphony, Highlands Swing Band with vocalist Jerelyn Craden. Special performance by Carl Dixon
$10.00/ticket or $25.00/family
Tickets at Masters Bookstore, Haliburton or Minden Pharmasave
Call or text 705-457-7894 for more info

Hike for Hospice Palliative Care
When: Sunday May 6,
Come Hike with Us. Participate in a short 1km hike around the high school track, or up to 4km from the school to beautiful Head Lake Park and back. Lions Club BBQ, music by Gord Kidd. www.hhhs.ca/foundation

Environment Haliburton, Enviro-cafe
When: Tuesday May 8, 7:30 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton
Join us for a discussion about the importance of climate change planning from the groundup with Tracy Roxborough and Victoria Ervick, Sustainable Severn Sound's Sustainability and Climate Change Action Plan Coordinators.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Shawn Chamberlin
When: Saturday, May 12, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1 p.m.
For more information: www.gordkidd.com

2nd Annual CARE150 Therapeutic Touch Awareness Week
When: Saturday May 12, 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Haliburton County Public Library-Dysart Branch
For more information please contact Bonnie Roe 705 286 2414 bonnieroe08@gmail.com
Therapeutic touch works - drop in to see how! Experience a complimentary 'Mini Session'. Reduce stress & anxiety~manage pain

Haliburton Lions Club, Walk for dog guide fundraiser and Trunk Sale: Come be part of the fun
When: May 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
Entertainment provided by Gord Kidd
$10.00 entry fee to sell from your trunk
Registration 11:30 a.m., walk 12 p.m., Pledges available at PetValu in Haliburton or call Lyon Kathryn Kidd 705-754-0939

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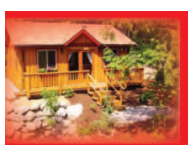

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Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Tuesday General meeting 7 p.m. Elections
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Thursday Community Care seniors program 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Upcoming events
On May 8, we will hold elections to vote in a new executive. We need people to step up or the Legion doors will be closing. Please don't wait to be asked – we need people to get involved. This Legion has done so much for the community. There will be a huge impact if it is gone. We help local churches, hospitals, etc. with our donations, help to send kids to hockey games and of course support Vets. We have almost 200 members and we need you to come out and help keep the doors open.
May 19 Lou Moody Rainbow trout fishing derby
May 20 Mac Hughes Horseshoe tournament

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays: Fun Darts starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
Occasional volunteers are needed. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com**
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Camp Towhee near West Guilford is hiring a Cleaner/Laundry person for June 1st – August 24th 2018. Send resume to Nicola: nbangham@childdevelop.ca. Fax 416 486-1282 ***www.camptowhee.ca***

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Kushog spray plan is up in the air

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Plans to spray an insecticide on Kushog Lake area trees are now up in the air pending a meeting later this week to discuss objections to the proposal.

A few weeks ago, the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association, KLPOA, sent a letter to 473 lakeside property owners proposing an aerial spraying of a biological substance, Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis), over the properties of consenting owners. This is to provide some control over the expected massive infestation of forest tent caterpillars.

"The forests, having to contend with acid rain and other pollutants, drought and changing weather conditions, are loosing their ability to also fight off the devastation of the tent caterpillars," reads the letter. Whereas before the trees had the strength to survive the output of energy needed to provide a second growth of leaves, some people feel these other stresses are undermining the trees' natural resilience and now need man's help.

The letter stresses that Bt is "a naturally occurring soil bacteria, compatible with the environment. It has been in continuous use since the 1960's and has also undergone extensive laboratory testing... It is an environmentally compatible control agent which is fatal only to the caterpillar stage of insects in the moth and butterfly family. It is highly selective, that is, beneficial insects, birds, wildlife, pets, fish and people are not affected by it."

Disagreement with plan

But the Martin brothers of Buckslide Road disagree with such statements, and the plan in general. Ken, Gord and Harry Martin have sent a letter to the association, not only objecting to the plan, but also saying that if any of their property is inadvertently sprayed, "we will be forced to pursue legal action."

Here, in part, are some of the points raised in their letter, dated April 3 and read at last Wednesday's Stanhope council meeting:

"We feel caterpillars are a part of nature that occur on a regular basis. We have lived with this mild inconvenience over the past 40 years in this area... Yes, it is inconvenient, however, we are willing to put up with this as opposed to the abuse of our environment.

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"We are wary of the effects of this spray and its safety...

"Our land occupies over 500 acres and the cost to spray this would be astronomical.

"Our well water comes from drainage within our property. The flow is an underground stream from the Kushog Lake area towards Halls Lake. We have pure water most of the year, but are very concerned about the effects this will have on our water supply and our resulting health problems.

"We are over 65 and we feel this makes our bodies more vulnerable to the effects of this spray.

"At our age, we do not feel that wandering around 500 acres of property to install marker balloons is an appropriate thing to do. (The association asked property owners not interested in the spray program to border their properties with balloons.) If you wish individual properties to be sprayed then install marker balloons within your properties.

"As your properties are very close

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THE ONTARIO CHAMPS!!

We're number one!!

Haliburton's OMHA Peewees celebrated their Ontario championship the traditional way, with a raucous ride through town on Monday afternoon. It was the first ever Peewee Ontario title for Haliburton. For a complete wrap-up, see page 8.

No nuclear waste says Reeve Davis

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis is adamant that his township will not become the next dumping ground for "low level" nuclear waste.

Last week's snowstorm prevented him from getting to a Siting Task Force for Low Level Radioactive Waste in Peterborough. Local councillors had been invited to "exchange ideas" and were warned the hearings were not to be a forum for proposals.

"Participation in no way obliges your community to any future activities," the invitation read, but Davis wanted to make it absolutely clear that activities in Stanhope would never be welcome.

"There's no such thing as 'low level' nuclear waste," Davis says. "We just want them to stay out of here and we're not a bit interested in their so called low level waste."

While the province stresses that any sites would be chosen only if the township volunteers, Davis is afraid that if no volunteers show up, they might "take a notion" to start dumping in Stanhope.

When Davis's plan to attend the meeting were made known at last Wednesday's council meeting, councillors were in complete support of their reeve's stance.

Deputy Reeve Ann Barker said that Highway 35 provided a perfect route north from the Pickering Nuclear Station. Councillor Murray Daniels, while rejecting the notion, said he didn't think Stanhope would ever be chosen. "With all the lakes and rivers, I don't know how they could justify it."

Asphalt or nothing: Highland Gate

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Residents of Highland Gate Estates are unhappy with Minden council's offer to cover the roads in their subdivision with a tar and gravel mix, and may seek legal action against the township to get their roads paved with hot-mix asphalt in accordance with a 1982 bylaw.

In a closed session last Thursday, council decided to cover the subdivision's roads with a low-cost bituminous treatment, as well as provide asphalt gutters on the steep hill leading to Deep Bay Road to handle run-off. The cost estimated for this work is $25,000.

Council also offered to pay $25,000 to cover half the cost of asphalt paving, as long as the residents of Highland Gate paid the difference.

Doug Campbell, spokesman for the subdivision residents, has been living at Highland Gate Estates since last December and says he isn't satisfied with either proposal. He also doesn't think it's fair to include the asphalt gutters into the agreement, because "council is just making the residents pay for the cost of fixing up the townships mistakes.

"There's a fair downhill run down to Deep Bay Road, and that used to be a two-lane entrance with a center boulevard strip. Then the town took over and approached the citizens about taking out the center strip, so most assumed that work was to precede a paving of the road. Now the strip is gone, the roads aren't paved and they're having problems with run-off. It isn't $25,000 that they're offering at all. It's more like $14,000 for road surface treatment."

Resident Paul Heffer was living in the subdivision when the median strip was removed to make maintenance and plowing more cost

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'Preservation of natural resources at risk'

The Minister of the Environment thinks we're beginning to win the battle

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Ontario is winning the fight against acid rain, says environment minister Jim Bradley.

"In Ontario, we are moving steadily towards our goal of a 60 per cent province-wide cutback in emissions of sulphur dioxide," he says. "At the same time, we are working hard to persuade our American neighbors to follow our lead."

The environment minister was featured speaker at a meeting of the Federation Of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), at Scarborough's Renaissance Hotel. Bradley acknowledged FOCA's involvement in the Canadian Coalition On Acid Rain, and says we must continue to put pressure on the United States to cut down on acid gas emissions.

The province's Countdown Acid Rain Abatement program is a major step toward reducing sulphur dioxide emissions across Ontario by 60 per cent of the 1980 base case levels by 1994.

"As cottagers, I know that you are concerned about the quality of our lakes, recreational land and forests," he says.

Bradley told cottagers that acid rain threatens, not only their investments in property, but also our natural resources.

Because of continuing acid rain from Canadian and U.S. sources, about 14,000 lakes in Eastern Canada are considered dead. Bradley says the deposition rate of sulphur dioxide has been as high as 40 kilograms per hectare in some places. In Muskoka, the rate of wet acid deposition is about 32 kilograms per hectare.

"Scientists are now telling us that the same pollution which causes acid rain also damages human health," environment minister Jim Bradley told members of FOCA at their spring seminar.

Lakes, forests and wildlife are all being damaged by acid rain, says Bradley. When lakes acidify, the aquatic ecosystem is disrupted and fish, minnows, frogs and crayfish all disappear. Forests are dying because of polluting gases, he says.

"The preservation of the beautiful natural resources we cherish is a risk, and scientists are now telling us that the same pollution which causes acid rain also damages human health," he says. "Many scientist and doctors are now convinced of the damage done to our health by the gases that cause acid rain."

Sulphur dioxide is formed when the sulphur in ore, coal or oil is burned. This colorless gas is emitted from smokestacks, and since it is invisible, plants which appear to be clean may "spew out

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Roles change in fire dept.

by LEN PIZZEY
Editor

Dysart et al has a new fire chief, but he's certainly not new to the organization. On Monday, council confirmed the appointment of Lloyd 'Buck' Baker as chief of the volunteer brigade on an interim basis.

Baker takes over from Mike Stinson, who has stepped down to become deputy chief. Steve Roberts has also been named deputy chief of the department.

Reeve Murray Fearrey time demands were the reason for the changes.

"Restrictions on (Stinson's) time were such that he agreed at this time to act as deputy chief," Fearrey said. Stinson is a full time employee of the Dysart roads department in addition to his fire department reponsibilities. Baker, the most senior member of the department and one of the longest serving volunteer firefighters in Ontario, is retired.

Fearrey said Steve Roberts, a partner in Roberts Austin Fuels, has moved up to deputy chief for a training period, and council hopes he will be able to assume the duties of chief within a few months.

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